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## REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Ten Lakes Travel Management Project  
Fortine Ranger District, Kootenai National Forest Service  
Lincoln County, Montana

The Fortine Ranger District of the Kootenai National Forest (KNF) has developed a Proposed Action for the Ten Lakes Travel Management Project. The project area is located North and East of Eureka, Montana and includes 64,177 acres. The project boundary contains the Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area.

The proposed action is available for review online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/kootenai/landmanagement/projects>. Scroll down to Kootenai National Forest Current and Recent Projects and select Ten Lakes Travel Management. A hard copy is available upon request by contacting project leader Motra McKevey at (406) 296-2536, or by stopping by either the Murphy Lake or Eureka Ranger Stations.

Proposed activities include designation of over snow motorized use areas and designated routes and non-winter trail management. There are two proposed seasons of motorized over-snow vehicle travel. Season One (December 1 - March 31) would allow travel on over 38,000 acres and approximately 12.5 miles of designated over-snow motorized vehicle routes. Season Two (April 1 - May 31) would allow travel on over 4,000 acres and approximately 32.9 miles of designated over-snow motorized vehicle routes. Non-winter trail management proposals include designating trails that allow hiking, stock, or mechanized use.

While some of this proposal was included in the scoping package for the Galton project that was publicly scoped in June 2009, the Forest Supervisor decided that travel management merits its own analysis process and has split it from the previous project. Thus, we have chosen to re-scope the proposed action for this area as the Ten Lakes Travel Management Project.

At this stage of the planning process, site specific comments are requested to help determine the scope of the analysis and identify significant issues and potential alternatives to the proposed action.

This project will be subject to the Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process (the "objection" process) pursuant to 36 CFR 218. Objections will only be accepted from those who have submitted written comments specific to the proposed project during scoping or other public involvement opportunity (36 CFR 218.5). For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments must either sign the comment or verify identity upon request. Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements in §218.25 (a)(3).

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, oral and electronic comments will be accepted for 30 days following publication of legal notice in *The Missoulian*. *The Missoulian* has been established as the newspaper of record for the Kootenai National Forest. Publication of the newspapers of record occurred in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2015 and this change became effective on March 1, 2015. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period.

In submitting comments, please provide: (1) your name, address, e-mail address, telephone number, and organization represented, if any; (2) title of the document on which comment is being submitted; (3) specific facts, along with supporting reasons that you believe should be considered; and (4) your signature. Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names, addresses, and e-mail addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Anonymous comments will be accepted; however people submitting anonymous comments will not have standing for future objections on the decision (36 CFR 218).

Send electronic comments to: [comments-northern-kootenai-fortine@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-northern-kootenai-fortine@fs.fed.us).

Electronic comments must be submitted in rich text (.rtf), Word (.doc), or PDF and must contain "Ten Lakes Travel Management" in the subject line. For e-mailed comments, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of receipt, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely submission by other means.

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